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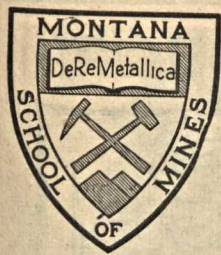
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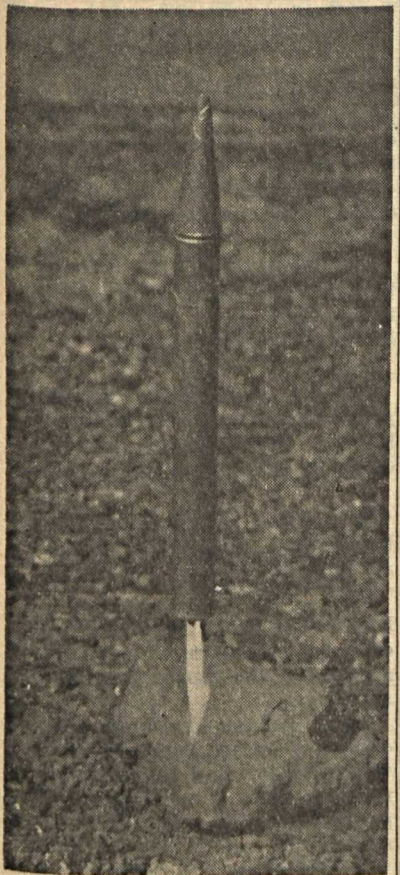


Students Launch Two-Stage Rocket

On Saturday, April 12th, three MSM students achieved success in firing "Fystp," a two-stage, solid fuel rocket. The missile's path carried it upward to a height of 962 feet. The trio responsible for its flight was Richard Brady, Dave Johnson, and Don Roberts. Brady and Johnson had done the early work in testing single-stage rockets, with Roberts joining the group when the two-stage plan was conceived.

The group have been launching single-stage projectiles since mid-February. The first problem had been one of fuel, which was solved when powdered zinc, magnesium, and sulphur was used. "We reached a point in March when the launching of a single-stage vehicle was no longer a problem," Brady said. "It was then that we decided to try the two-stage projectile."

The launching of a second stage created more problems. The greatest of these was to fire the second rocket as the initial missile had carried it near the peak of its path. The timing using magnesium ribbon was no sooner solved than the trio found that the second stage could not be relied upon to achieve vertical flight when separating from the first. After several test firings it was decided to carry the smaller rocket internally in the upper portion of the larger rocket.



The two rockets were very nearly identical except in size. They were both constructed of aluminum tubing, the larger 28 inches long and 2½ inches in diameter, while the baby was 9 inches long and 1½ inches in diameter. Both were fired using the same fuel. The magnesium ribbon which fired the second stage served two purposes: first, to ignite the fuel, and secondly, because of its uniform burning rate, to make it possible to time the firing of the second stage accurately.

Johnson said, "The launching was beautiful; we had been afraid it might pull a Vanguard and just sit there, but it didn't." The only difficulty in the early morning launching was a loose fuse to the first stage which caused a mis-



PLANNING FOR THE COMING THETA TAU REGIONAL CONFERENCE are (left to right) Bob Rowe, Chapter Chairman; Doug Harnish, Chapter Advisor; Gus Coolidge, Chapter Regent; and John McCaslin, Regional Committee Member.

M-Club Honors MSM Gridder

The M-Club recently named their new lounge "The Wesley Salonen Lounge." Wesley Salonen, from Butte, died October 27, 1951, as a result of injuries sustained while taking part in a football game being played between Mines and Eastern in Billings. A plaque honoring Wesley is on display in the Museum Hall. A sign displaying the new name will soon be placed over the door of the lounge.

Student Council Works to Better Health Insurance

The student council is, at the present time, attempting to make a better health insurance plan available to the students at MSM. New and improved plans have been submitted by Mutual of Omaha and the Continental Casualty Company. The plans have been so designed that a student enrolled may receive benefits for his wife and children at a slight additional cost. Student coverage under the considered plans would be much more than the existing policy. The increase in cost would be moderate.

The policy that is accepted by the student council will be explained to the students. When this information is available, it will be printed in the *Amplifier* for your convenience. Watch this paper for more information concerning your insurance.

From President's Office

President E. G. Koch attended the Executive Council meeting on Sunday, April 13, and also a meeting of the State Board of Education on Monday, April 14.

firing. After that was corrected, the projectile took off cleanly.

The missile was in the air for 15.5 seconds which, when calculated, indicates the 962 feet it attained. It was estimated that the baby rocket was carried to approximately 400 feet before it fired and soared to nearly a thousand feet.

When asked what was planned for the future Roberts said, "We achieved what we set out to do, and with the rapidly approaching spring finals, the experiments were concluded with the Saturday firing. After all, we have to pass a course now and then too."

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 26—Theta Tau regional conference
- 27—Theta Tau regional conference

MAY

- 7—M-Day
- 7—Copper Guard Dance
- 9—Mining Symposium
- 10—Mining Symposium
- 14—Student Wives Meeting
- 15—E-Day
- 16—E-Day
- 31—Junior Prom

JUNE

- 1—Alumni Banquet

Coffee Shop Closes

On April 9, Gene Lanier, student council president, announced that the coffee shop will be closed until further notice. The finances and appearance of the coffee shop are the main reasons for this action.

It seems as though the students using these facilities have been negligent in picking up pop bottles and papers from their lunch buckets. The dirty coffee cups have also been an eyesore. If these few items had been corrected by the students, the coffee shop might still be open.

The small matter of paying for coffee and donuts was the main reason for the closure. The expenditures of the coffee shop were about seven dollars a day, the intake about four dollars. Anyone can see that a business is unable to operate under these circumstances. It was not intended that the shop make money when it was opened, but it was expected to make expenses. Expenses have not been met since the opening days, and the shop would have been closed much sooner except for the money allotted by the student council at the beginning of the year.

One other item concerning the coffee shop that has been brought to the attention of the student council is the condition of the furniture. The school has nothing to say about the furniture because it belongs to the students. The money used to purchase the sofa, tables, and chairs was taken from student funds. For this reason, bet-

Theta Tau Regional Conference To Be Held April 26-27

Psi Chapter of Theta Tau Fraternity will be hosts to the Regional Conference for the Western Division. Delegates are expected from chapters at the Universities of Utah, California, and Arizona, and the Schools of Mines of Colorado and South Dakota. All meetings will be held at Lloyds, the first convening Saturday morning.

Mr. C. W. Britzius, the Grand Vice Regent, of St. Paul, Minnesota, will attend the conference.

The purpose of these biennial Regional Conferences is to discuss fraternal problems and to propose items to be presented at the National Convention held the following year. This year the agenda includes discussions pertaining to pledging procedures, chapter operations, house operations, professional development, alumni relations, expansion and extension, and membership requirements. Professor Gustav Stolz will be initiated as an honorary member during the conference.

These conferences are necessary to insure chapter harmony and to maintain Theta Tau's national recognition. As one of the two engineering fraternities representing all phases of engineering that hold active membership in the Professional Interfraternity Conference, Theta Tau has an obligation to all its members and alumni to insure that these conferences are successful.

Theta Tau is the oldest professional engineering fraternity. It has 23 active chapters throughout the country and over 14,000 members.

Working together to complete plans for the conference are Professor Douglas Harnish, Chapter Advisor; Professor John McCaslin, Regional Committee Member; Gus Coolidge, Chapter Regent; and Bob Rowe, Chapter Chairman.

AIME Meets Well Attended

The Montana School of Mines was well represented at the 1958 Pacific Northwest Regional Conference of the AIME in Spokane April 17, 18, and 19.

Professor D. W. McGlashan presented a paper entitled "The Flo-tation of Manganese Oxides by Selective Flocculation." And W. C. Ackerman, head of the mineral deposits branch for the Montana Bureau of Mines, gave his paper "Fluorspar Deposits in Montana."

Other faculty members attending the conference were Professors C. W. Haynes, R. I. Smith, and W. A. Vine.

Students who attended the conference are George Wilhelm, Harold Treweek, Robert Hall, Don Hendricks, Don Macknight, Tom Martin, Raymond White, Miguel Carrizales, Dej Tewtong, Jon Langfeldt, Barry Hansen, and Gordon Parker.

Professor Gustav Stolz accompanied a group of senior petroleum students to a Billings Petroleum Section AIME meet in Billings on April 15. Students attending were Larry Trieber, Bob Darlington, Don Ogrin, Glenn Shurtz, Bob Rowe, A. Madrazo, and Bill Brown. Mr. Don Bishop, Rocky Mountain District Manager of Lane Wells Company in Casper, Wyoming, spoke on "Well Flow Index."

Koenig to Speak at Commencement

Robert P. Koenig, president of Cerro De Pasco Corporation, will be the speaker at the 58th annual Commencement at Montana School of Mines, it was announced by Dr. Edwin G. Koch.

Mr. Koenig is on the Board of Directors of many mining companies and other businesses.

The commencement will be held on Monday, June 2, commencing at 8 p.m.

ter care should be taken of your things. It is hard to believe any member of the student body would take a knife and cut up a sofa at home or break the back of a kitchen chair. It belongs to you—take care of it!

Norman E. Erickson Killed In Crash

Lt. Norman E. Erickson, bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering in 1956, was killed in a B25 north of San Angelo, Texas, on April 7. The light bomber crashed while on a routine training mission.

Lt. Erickson was a student pilot stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base at San Angelo.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Erickson of Lewistown and a graduate of Fergus County High School.



Norman "Swede" Erickson

He was married to the former Shirley Leason of Butte, who was employed as an X-ray technician in the Saint James Hospital. The couple had no children.

Lt. Erickson is survived by his wife, his parents, three brothers, and a sister.

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EDITORIAL

M—A DAY, A WAY

M-Day is one entire day dedicated to the rock-hewn letter which rests upon Big Butte. The letter is silent, but not inconspicuous. It towers above every gallows frame and above what Mines students proudly call their campus. Each year on M-Day students patiently wash its big white face and wipe its nose, while the rest of the year the lonely M is totally ignored or teasingly threatened to be blown up. But nobody has ever succeeded in blowing it up. Not too many try. Because the single letter, although never imposingly, says many things.

It says Montana School of Mines. It says that a little engineering college has developed the minds which kept Butte off the rocks. The bold-faced M implies that the School of Mines is the most prominent institution in Butte. It names the day the students carry on their own government by electing their student council. M is method and research. M is mental application, memorizing, mastery. M is a merging of collegians of distinct creeds and races, of diversified talents, from different homes and unlike backgrounds. M is Marcus. And officially for only once M is a day in May, a picnic, a game of soccer, a fire hose, a dance—midnight.

SOLVING THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS

These have been years of slack and fatigue, a kind of mental depression, cushioned by material prosperity. When the psychological and political strain of cold warfare continues and our material cushion collapses, as it well might, what then? The obvious solution is to promote free distribution of tranquilizers. Encourage students to become psychiatrists (a very lucrative profession). Write senators urging them to instigate legislation providing for the immediate utilization of all atom bombs, missiles, and hydrogen bombs. Of course then of necessity all apes must be exterminated. It is too great a risk to leave them alone on this earth with nuclear weapons in their reach. Meanwhile seek an after-dinner repose, a mood of repletion, slumberous satisfaction. Substitute rock 'n roll records for the three r's. Keep all conversation anecdotal and suitable to good digestion. Say things not really meant in order to be pleasant, to further the national relaxation.

A Friend in Need

Art Story has been in the Veteran's Hospital at Walla Walla, Washington for some time and would like any of his old friends to drop him a note.

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FOUNDING OF THE POST OFFICE

The Post Office of Butte is the city's oldest institution providing a public service. It was founded officially in 1868, nearly a decade before there was any thought of establishing a permanent city and during a period when the community was only a boom mining camp sprawled along the banks of Silver Bow Creek.

Fore some time before his appointment as Butte's first official postmaster Anson Ford, a druggist by profession and known to the community as "doctor", served as unofficial postmaster and saw to it that mail received via stage coach, covered wagons and trail riders, was delivered.

Officially Ford's tenure as postmaster lasted only six months, from July 20, 1868, to Jan. 16, 1869, when he was succeeded by W. Egbert Smith.

There was a time beginning in 1871 and extending into 1874 when postal service to Butte was suspended because gold yields had dwindled and silver leads had petered out. Copper was not important then to the city's economy.

THE ANACONDA COMPANY

Letters to the Editor

To: Editors of the Amplifier
Dear Sirs:

In the interests of good journalism and in behalf of all Theta Tau members, Theta Tau would like to answer the article published in the April 10 issue of the Amplifier under the byline "Bye the Bye."

First the article was unsigned, and the Theta Tau Fraternity sincerely hopes that such articles do not become standard practice in our school paper. If the writer does not wish to identify himself, his views cannot be considered as warranting an answer.

Second, the facts presented do not correspond with the actual case involved. The conference which will be held in Butte is not a convention, and as such cannot change the constitution of Theta Tau. A National Convention is necessary for such action. Also, the chapter of Theta Tau at Columbia University, not the college officials, attempted to remove a clause. Failure to accomplish this was the reason for their withdrawal from the organization. To maintain our national recognition, we must work democratically and therefore, must abide by majority rule. This is the basis of the established government of the United States.

Last, we hope that in the future anyone with a valid question or criticism of either fraternity or other organization on the campus will be sure of the facts first, then present them and make his identity known so that he can be answered. If either the person who wrote the article or any other interested party would like further clarification of this issue, we invite them to either discuss it at a student convocation where everyone's views can be heard, or get together with the Theta Tau Fraternity in an informal open meeting.

Furthermore it may be of interest to know that the Montana School of Mines chapter of Theta Tau voted unanimously to remove the clause at the last national convention.

s/ Bob Rowe Gus Coolidge
Bill Lees

April 10, 1953

To the Amplifier Editors,
Congratulations!

Your outstanding editorial policy exemplified by the latest (sic) garbage of Ed Lahee (sic!) is a tribute to the aspiration of higher education. I do not know where your writer might find a more sympathetic ear than in your already cynical circulation. Let us dub this "new" credo with a fitting name—Hunyakism. These are certainly the mouthings of an intellect that is hybrid between a Hun and a Tibetan ox.

Very truly yours,
Bahngrell W. Brown

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"TYPICAL NEW TEACHER PROBLEM—SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT HER ABILITY TO HOLD THEIR ATTENTION FOR A WHOLE HOUR."

A Case for The Blast

by Robert Wylie

A few years ago, when moral was high and students used to chuckle in the halls, we used to have an annual fall frolic called the Blast. Following the last performance, the faculty found it "necessary" to discontinue the function and thereby drove the students east in search of good times. Below are listed several good reasons why the Blast should be returned as an annual event.

(1) One hundred percent of the student body is in favor of it.

(2) The Blast was a moral-builder of the highest order. For one day of the year, the students had the faculty on the spot instead of visa versa. For weeks after the famed event, the students could secretly snicker at the object of their ire, a condition which greatly freshened the stale academic air.

(3). In general, the faculty and the visitors liked the blast. In defense of this point, let me say that if the faculty like sports and don't attend, if they approved of milder student functions and don't attend, then they must have been extremely fond of the blast—because almost every faculty member attended! Indeed, the grimest faces and the most disapproving frowns were to be found clustered near the front rows. As a typical student once remarked, "If we woulda sold tickets, we coulda made a mint!"

(4) There is no substitute for the Blast, nor has any substitute been offered. Organize a good "clean" variety show. Have a piano player, a "Jolson-type" singer, two black-faces, a barbershop quartet, a humorous skit about chickens crossing the road, and a coed singing "Some Enchanted Evening." You can even throw in a trombone player and a talking dog. Sure, people will attend—maybe even half the student body (which is a record for most events)

Bye the Bye

"He that hath a beard is more than a youth and he that hath no beard is less than a man." *Much Ado About Nothing*, Shakespeare.

Sales of vodka in the U. S. have been increasing. If we can't meet the Russians across the conference table, we may be able to meet them under it!

Attention tunnel goers. You may plan to venture outside on campus according to Butte weather predictions.

What you shout in a person's ears he never hears.

Could the closed coffee shop be traded for a new Student Union Building?

June college grads won't wallow in as many job offers this year as they did last year. A general lag in the employment market has taken some of the frenzy out of campus recruiting. But the outlook remains bright.

Husbands of the next generation will probably complain that their wives can't thaw a dinner like mother used to.

Budget: a system of reminding yourself that you can't afford the kind of living you've grown accustomed to.

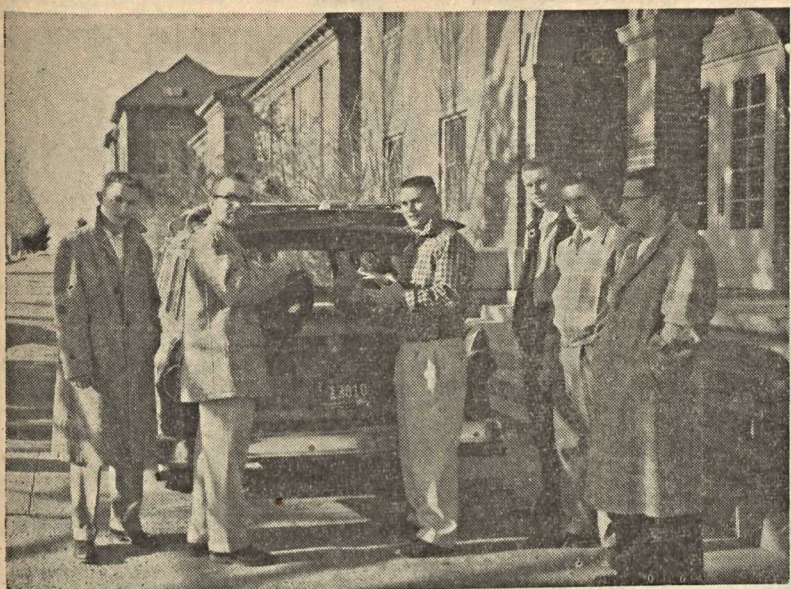
We're glad to see the Tau's are bright-eyed and bushy tailed — all the more power to them.

But will it boost morale? No, you can see entertainment ten times as good if the movie theaters are running.

Now, before I'm buried by a deluge of letters (and we encourage any interested persons to comment) pointing out that I have presented only one side of the subject, let me say that I realize that the Blast had several faults. Probably the most valid of these objections to the function was that it had degenerated to a display of vulgar humor. My suggestion would be this: If fifty percent or more of the audience gets violently sick, then the offending organization or group should be banned from the Blast for the following year. (If one hundred percent of the audience gets violently sick, the offending group should be banned from school.) However, if a handful of people are only mildly outraged, I would tactfully suggest that they stay at home and watch TV.

Moral: You can't cure a cold by suppressing the symptoms.

We don't mind the inevitability of death and taxes, if only they would come in the order named.



(Left) The M. S. M. bowling team leaves for the state collegiate tournament. Team members are Dan Trbovich, Dave Malyevac, Joe Bato, Darryl Bruno, Dick Roberts, and Bob Laughlin. The team took third place honors.

(Right) Pictured are the numerous trophies to be awarded to the winners of the various intramural events. The organization winning the greatest number of points in all events will be awarded a special trophy.

the Engineering Building—showing tunnel, drift and stope sets.

Geology Department; Pete Sweeney, Chairman:

The Geology department will display an exhibit of microscopic equipment where visitors can observe microscopic fossils and petrographic slides. The Mineral Club will have a display and demonstration of lapidary equipment and will show polished mineral specimens. Two cross-sectional models are planned, one of which will show Montana sediments with corresponding fossils and the other illustrating the hydrothermal zoning in Butte. In addition, a working model of a geyser is being constructed.

Many of the undergraduate departments will show their equipment and present displays. The Amplifier staff will exhibit a display showing the steps necessary to print a newspaper from the first copy to the final edition. Visitors are also encouraged to visit the Museum and the Mine Model in the Library Building.

It is hoped that all students, especially freshmen and sophomores, will take this opportunity to get an over-all picture of the various activities at M.S.M. Despite the small size of the school, many students know little of the mineral industry except the phases covered in their own departments.

In view of the above preparations, it seems evident that the coming E-Day will be the best yet.

During mock maneuvers an army commander ordered a notice to be displayed on a bridge stating: "This bridge has been destroyed by air attack." But to his chagrin, he noticed that a foot regiment was crossing the bridge despite his orders. He sent his adjutant to the officer in charge post-haste to find out how he dared to defy his orders. An hour later the adjutant was back. "It's all right, sir," he reported. "The troops are wearing signs saying 'We are swimming.'"

Clerk: "Well, there was a man living next door who took this liver medicine three years."

Customer: "Well, did it help him?"

Clerk: "He died last week."

Customer: "Oh?"

Clerk: "But they had to beat his liver with a stick for three days before they could bury him."

Preview of Coming E-Day Attractions

With Engineering Day just three weeks away, the students in all departments are busy making preparations under the supervision of a student chairman. The juniors and seniors in each department are acting as assistants to the chairman.

Mineral Dressing Department; Don Zipperian, Chairman:

The Mineral Dressers plan a display of posters, working models of milling equipment, and departmental equipment. Various companies have been contacted for posters and models. A flotation exhibit is planned and much of the other lab equipment will be shown, perhaps in operation. In addition, visitors will have a chance to view the zeta potential, streaming potential, and contact angle equipment.

Petroleum Department; Pat Butler, Chairman:

The Petroleum majors will display some of the lab equipment and several models illustrating production problems. Featured in the display will be six working models from different companies including a rotary drilling rig, testing equipment, and a model refinery. If possible, the Lufkin pump will be set up outside and operated. Plans are being made to have at least something representative of all the various phases of the industry.

Metallurgy Department; Ted Burch, Chairman:

The Metals plan a comprehensive display, including demonstrations of unique physical phenomena. Demonstrations illustrating procedures are planned for the pyrometallurgical and X-Ray equipment. Several students will exhibit equipment used for these works.

Mining Department; Ross Wayment, Chairman:

The Miners will show working models of mining machinery and equipment donated by the major company representatives in Butte, and three dimensional mine models donated by the Anaconda Company. Three rooms will be utilized: one for surveying equipment, one for the collection of mine models constructed by students, and one for the models donated by large companies. Also planned is the construction of underground timber supports inside and outside

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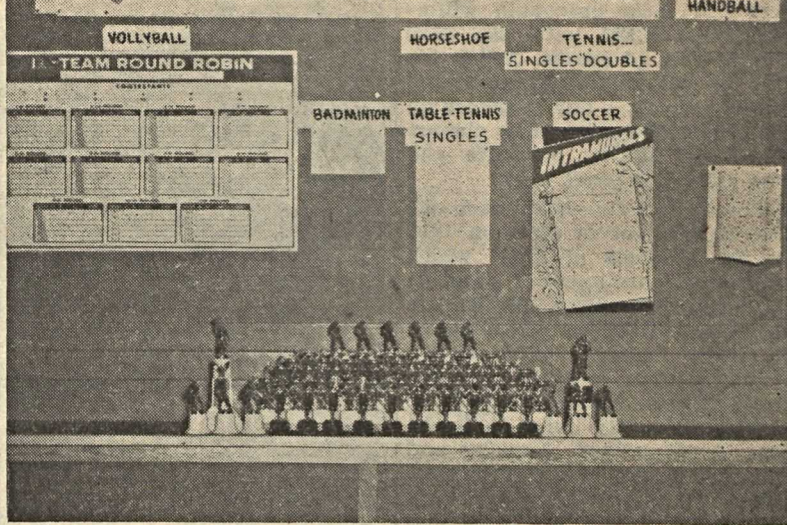
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Symposium Program Prepared

Plans have been completed for the mining symposium on hydraulic stope fill, to be held at the Montana School of Mines on May 9-10. The symposium is sponsored by the Mining department at MSM with the cooperation of the Anaconda Company, the Mining Association of Montana, the Montana Section of the AIME, the Montana Society of Engineers, and the alumni of Montana School of Mines.

Papers will be presented by professional men from Montana, Colorado, Idaho, New York, Wyoming, South Dakota, Ontario, and Northern Rhodesia — including three MSM graduates: Don Cenis, H. A. Wendel, and George Wilhelm. The papers will discuss hydraulic stope fill investigations, advantages, and problems.

Professor W. A. Vine, head of the Mining Department, is chairman of the technical program committee. Professor Koehler Stout is serving as publicity director and treasurer.

The symposium is the first in a series of mining discussions to be held at MSM. No dates have been set for future symposiums, which are still in the planning stage.

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Copper Guards Initiate

At a recent meeting of the Copper Guards the new pledges were introduced and had the various functions of the service organization explained to them. The new pledges are Charles McLean, Anaconda; Richard Crnich, John Gardner, Leonard Judd, Donald Petersen, Melvin Poad, all of Butte; Dart Davis, Buffalo, Wyoming; Gary Erb, Deer Lodge; Force Baney and Arthur Boettcher, Great Falls; Gay Kravik, Havre; Edwin Speelman, Kalispell; Douglas Smart, Libby; Dave Cadwell, Lima, Peru; Rodney Prellwitz, Minneota, Minnesota; and James McLaughlin, Roundup.

On Tuesday night, April 15, an initiation banquet was held for the new members at the Vegas Club.

The next month will be a busy one for the Copper Guards as committees have been formed to begin plans for the forthcoming M-Day picnic and dance which the Copper Guards are sponsoring. Arrangements are also being made for the lighting of the "Big M" that evening.

Another Copper Guard project to be accomplished in the near future is that of enlarging the baseball screen on Leonard Field. This will be the major project of the year.

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M-Day Is Coming

May 7 is the day of the biggest and most enjoyable white-wash that MSM witnesses. May 7 is M-Day of course. Today M-Day is taken for granted and means not only a day to spruce up the M but also a day of no classes. When did M-Day originate and who did the original work?

The M is forty-eight years old. The M was put in place in 1910 by the students of MSM which boasted an enrollment of about 45 students at that time. The leaders of the establishment of an M included the three graduates of 1910, Walter Jensen, president of the Great Falls Brewery; William Stuewe, presently living in Buchans, Newfoundland, Canada; and August Grunert, who died in 1951. The students worked many hard shifts rolling rocks into place, and packing lime and water (by means of a bucket brigade) from the foot of the hill, as there were no roads up the hill at that time. The original M was a straight M. During the time that C. H. Bowman served as the School's President, the M was extended into the blocked M as it is seen today.

The actual size of the M is 90 feet wide and 90 feet high, measured on the incline. Measurements this year do not agree with the previous 90 feet by 90 feet, but this is due to distortion of the M by means of moving the rocks by unknown personages. There are, at the present time, plans afoot to concrete the M; alumni of the School are hopeful that a portion of this may be done this year. (The Mines students represent the necessary manpower, but the materials are lacking.) A project to light the M, at present headed by sophomore president John Templin, also has been bogged down from lack of materials, as well as lack of local support in the installation and maintenance of the proposed lights.

Have coeds been known to aid in M-Day activities? You bet! For instance in 1928, 24 coeds, and in 1929, 21 coeds, served lunches to the male students. In 1929, a number helped mix lime, assisted by Mayor M. Kerr Beadle.

According to the well-known A. E. Adami, who supplied much of the information concerning the M, M-Day is only as successful as the students wish to make it.

Arriving home earlier than usual, he found his wife in the arms of his best friend, "I love your wife," said the friend, "and she loves me. I'll play you a game of bridge for her; if I win, you divorce her, and if you win, I promise never to see her again. Will you play?"

"Okay by me," said the husband, "but how's about a penny a point to make it interesting?"

The three little ink drops were crying because their father was in the pen and they didn't know how long the sentence was going to be.

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M-DAY..... AND NIGHT

Debaters on Prowl

Eight students from Montana School of Mines will take part in two forensics tournaments within the next two weeks.

Don Roberts, Whitehall, will be entered in both debate and extemporaneous speaking; other debaters include Richard Vincelette, Billings; Duane R. McCrorie, Bismarck; North Dakota and Edwin L. Speelman, Kalispell.

Billie Todd, Butte, will participate in interpretative reading and Gordon Parker, Rosebank, South Africa, in oratory.

The Montana State Intercollegiate Forensics Meet will be held on April 25 and 26 on the campus of Western Montana College of Education, Dillon. Montana State University, Missoula, will be host to the Tau Kappa Alpha meet on May 1, 2, and 3.

James H. Albertson, Associate Professor of English and debate coach, will accompany the group.

"So Jane is sore at her husband. I always thought he was perfect. In their 10 years of married life, hasn't he always turned his check over to her on the first of every month?"

"She just discovered he gets paid on the 15th, too."

Every baseball team could use a man who plays every position superbly, never strikes out, and never makes an error—but there's no way to make him lay down his hot dog and come out of the grandstand.

It takes about 1,500 nuts to hold a car together, but only one to scatter it all over the landscape.

Farmer (pulling with one mule): "Giddap Pete! Giddap Barney! Giddap Johnny! Giddap Ralph!"

Stranger: "How many names does that mule have?"

Farmer "His name's Pete, but he don't know his own strength so I put blinders on him, yell a lot of names, and he thinks other mules are helping him."

Late Letter to the Editors . . .

TO: Editors of the *Amplifier*
Dear Co-Editors:

Being curious individuals, we happened to sneak a preview of this very issue of the *Amplifier* before it went to press. During our sneak preview our eyes fell upon a letter to the editor (column 3, page 2) signed by Bob Rowe, Gus Coolidge, and Bill Lees. The letter appears to be written in the noble cause of good journalism, but allow us to draw your attention to the following excerpts from a letter to the editor appearing in the February 10, 1956, issue of the *Amplifier* and which is signed by Jerry Weber and Howie Bear.

"In the interests of good journalism and accurate reporting, the Theta Tau Fraternity would like to answer the letter written to the editor and published in the January 17th issue . . .

. . . the letter was unsigned, and Theta Tau Fraternity sincerely hopes . . .

We hope that in the future anyone with a valid criticism of either fraternity will be sure of the facts first, then present them and make his identity known so that he can be answered.

. . . if either the person who wrote the letter or any interested party would like further clarification of the issues presented, we invite them to either discuss it at a student convocation where everyone's views could be heard, or get together with the Theta Tau Fraternity in an informal meeting."

We assume that by now the reader has noted the similarity between the excerpts above and the letter in column 3, page 2 of this issue. Is it in the interests of good journalism to plagiarize??? Perhaps this plagiarism is some indication of the complete dearth of originality among these psuedo-journalists.

Perhaps it would have been more fitting if the authors of this plagiarized letter had remained anonymous, as did the columnist who writes *BYE THE BYE*. One of the most elementary rules of journalism is that a member of the staff of a newspaper is under no obligation to sign an article appearing in his newspaper.

Incidentally, what was the hula-baloo about anyway? (A publicity stunt???)

Sincerely your,
Jon Langfeldt
Gordon Parker

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS BY BIBLER



Six Orediggers Out for Track

Six Mines students are out for track and field events. Track candidates, all distance runners are:

Pete Sakellaris, Dick Coppage, Kelly Hemmert, Dart Davis, John Frisbie and Mohamed Moshin. The Miners are entered in two meets to date, the Montana State College Invitational and Spring Carnival in Helena.

The elephant looked down at a mouse and exclaimed, "You're just about the puniest, most insignificant object I ever laid my eyes on."

"I'm not always this little," the mouse squeaked angrily. "I've been sick."

Mamie had been looking all night for her wandering husband — from bar to bar. She finally found him at two in the morning in front of a tall glass in a tavern. She sneaked up and sampled his drink. "Brrr!" she spat, dropping it very quickly. "That stuff is awful."

He eyed her sadly. "See that! And you thought I was out having a good time."

Father: "Why do you have dates with that girl?"

Son: "Because I want to."

Father (suspiciously): "Want to what?"

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